



# **NORTH CAROLINA COMMISSION OF INDIAN AFFAIRS QUARTERLY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

**March 9, 2017**

*(Held in conjunction with the 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual NC Indian Unity Conference)*

**Renaissance Charlotte Suites Hotel  
Venice Room  
2800 Coliseum Centre Drive  
Charlotte, NC 28217**

**WELCOME:** Furnie Lambert, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m. with a quorum being present. He acknowledged and welcomed all Commission Members, Tribal Leaders, Chiefs, State Officials, staff and guests.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** Commissioner Charles Pete made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Larece Hunt. Motion carried.

**INVOCATION:** Vice-Chairwoman, Shirley Freeman recited the invocation prayer. Commission members and community members that are currently ill and recently deceased were remembered during the opening prayer.

**NATIONAL ANTHEM:** Commissioner Connie Mitchell led the membership and guests in the pledge of allegiance.

## **ROLL CALL:**

### **MEMBERS**

President Pro Tem Appointee	Daniel Locklear	Absent
Speaker of the House Appointee	Wanda Burns-Ramsey	Present
Coharie	Isabell Freeman-Elliott	Absent
Coharie	Lenora Locklear	Present
Cumberland County Association for Indian People	Roy Maynor	Absent
Cumberland County Association for Indian People	Gladys Hunt	Absent
Eastern Band of the Cherokee Nation	Sam Lambert	Present
Eastern Band of the Cherokee Nation	Marvel Welch	Absent
Guilford Native American Association	Jennifer Revels-Baxter	Present
Guilford Native American Association	DeVane Burnett, Sr.	Absent
Haliwa Saponi	Jeffrey Anstead	Present
Haliwa Saponi	Charles (Pete) Richardson	Present
Lumbee	Larece Hunt	Present
Lumbee	Ricky Burnett	Present

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Lumbee

Furnie Lambert

Present

## **ROLL CALL**

### ***MEMBERS (Continued)***

Meherrin	Constance Mitchell	Present
Metrolina Native American Association	Walter D. Baucom	Present
Metrolina Native American Association	Jessie Jacobs	Present
Occaneechi Band of the Saponi Nation	Sharn Jeffries	Present
Sappony	Dorothy Crowe	Present
Triangle Native American Society	Lana Dial	Present
Waccamaw Siouan	Elton R. Jacobs	Present
Waccamaw Siouan	Shirley Freeman	Present

## **YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE**

NCNAYO	Makayla Richardson	Absent
NCNAYO	Wayla Locklear	Absent
NCNACOHE	Toni Henderson	Absent

## **STATE OFFICIALS**

Department of Administration, Machel Sanders, Secretary	Present
Designee: Christy Agner, Deputy Secretary	Absent
Department of Commerce/ ESC, Anthony Copeland, Secretary	
Designee: John Lowery	Present
Department of Environment Quality (DEQ), Michael Regan, Secretary	
Designee: Jennifer Gregorin	Absent
Representative: Sarah Rice	Present
Department of Health & Human Services, Dr. Mandy Cohen, Secretary	
Designee:	Absent
Department of Labor, Cherie Berry, Commissioner	
Designee: Jennifer Haigwood	Absent
Department of Cultural Resources, Advisor, Steven Claggett	Absent

## **STAFF PRESENT**

Greg Richardson, Executive Director  
David Grigsby, Program Director, Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program  
Kimberly Hammonds, Program Director, Economic Development Program &  
Supporting Undergraduate Native Students Program  
Peggy Ammons, Program Director, Community Development Program  
& Low Income Energy Assistance Program  
Elk Richardson, Program Director, Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act Program  
Lori McClain, Program Director, Domestic Violence-Victim Crime Services  
Annie Francis, Program Director, Indian Child Welfare Program  
Daphne Pinto, Administrative Secretary





## **OTHER STATE OFFICIALS PRESENT**

Mark Teague, Attorney, NC Department of Justice

**OTHERS PRESENT:** List on file with the Commission.

**ETHICS STATEMENT:** Mr. Greg Richardson noted that the meeting is dedicated to Chairwoman Ruth Revels who passed away a year ago on March 14, 2016. Mr. Richardson read the Ethics Statement on behalf of Chairman Lambert. He charged Commission Members to declare any conflict of interest, or appearance of conflict of interest that may exist in relation to any business before the Commission, as mandated by the State Ethics Act. No conflicts were noted.

**REMEMBERING CHAIRWOMAN RUTH REVELS:** A moment of silence was observed in memory of our beloved Chairwoman Ruth Revels.

**APPROVAL OF December 2<sup>nd</sup> MEETING MINUTES:** The minutes of the Commission meeting held on December 2, 2016, were presented. Commissioner Larece Hunt made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Charles Richardson. Motion carried.

## **SPECIAL PRESENTATION INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKERS**

**Machelle Sanders, Secretary, NC Department of Administration, Raleigh, North Carolina:**

Mr. Greg Richardson, Executive Director for North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs, introduced Mrs. Machelle Sanders, new Secretary for NC Department of Administration (NC DOA). The following was noted:

- Secretary Machelle Sanders is from Belhaven, North Carolina. Her accomplishments are as follows: She has experience in both management and leadership roles. She held executive positions in the pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies. She held the role of Vice President of manufacturing and General Manager of Biogen, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina. Prior to that she held leadership positions overseeing Manufacturing, Global Quality Assurance, and Quality Control functions at Biogen and Purdue Pharmaceuticals. He expressed that Secretary Sanders obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Biochemistry from North Carolina State University and a Masters of Health Administration (MHA) from Pfeiffer University.
- Secretary Machelle Sanders, North Carolina Department of Administration, thanked Mr. Richardson for the introduction and the accolades. She also thanked Commission members, guests and staff and noted that she was pleased to attend the meeting. She expressed that it is an opportunity to serve the Commission and the citizens of North Carolina in her capacity. Secretary Sanders indicated that she has worked 29 years in the pharmaceutical and biotech industry. Her parents served the community and that they are retired educators. She informed that she cares deeply about the citizens of the State of North Carolina, especially the under served and under privileged citizens of NC. She is glad to be part of the Department of Administration. She is pleased with Mr. Richardson and what he brings to the Department of Administration. She thanked the Commission for their service and is looking forward to partnering with each member.

**Acknowledgement:** Mr. Greg Richardson acknowledged guests in the audience Mr. Harvey Godwin, Chairman of the Lumbee Tribe, Ms. Earlene Stacks, who formerly represented Metrolina Native American Association on the Commission for many years and Ms. Janice Schroeder. He recognized



Chief/Dr. Ogletree Richardson of the Haliwa Saponi Tribe and thanked her for being present at the meeting.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Mr. Richardson, Executive Director, NC Commission of Indian Affairs, presented the division report.

The following topics were discussed:

- **Budget Update:** The state appropriations for SFY 2016-2017 from the NC General Assembly remains the same \$322,246.00. The division received notice of additional funding during the last quarter in the amount of \$60,000 from the NC Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). The funding will provide an opportunity for the Commission to assist in the recruitment of foster parents, provide training for staff of local social services offices, to ensure culturally appropriate services for children who are members of state recognized Indian tribes. The program will also advocate and encourage American Indians to become foster care parents.
- **NC General Assembly:** It was noted that the division did not receive any recommendations from the Commission members or any of the Tribes and Organizations for legislative agenda items. He informed the new members of the procedures used by the Commission to collect legislative items throughout the year. He informed the Commission about Senate Bill 179 – A bill to recognize the Chowanoke Indian Tribe, which was filed March 6, 2017. It was noted that Rep. Charles Graham indicated that he will convene the American Indian Caucus later during the session.
- **Staffing Update/Appointments:** (these are listed in the handout).
- **Family Violence Prevention Services Act Program Funding (FVPSA):** The program has received additional funding in the amount of \$35,000.

**ACTION ITEM:**

**NC COMMISSION OF INDIAN AFFAIRS UPCOMING VACANCIES:**

**COMMISSION APPOINTMENT RECOMMENDATIONS:**

A handout indicating the list of appointment recommendations with term dates was provided. The following items were presented by the Executive Director:

**(Statutory Appointments)**

**NC Indian Housing Authority (NCIHA) appointment recommendations;** Three vacancies; Term ends June 30, 2017:

Gladys Hunt; Cumberland County Association for Indian People Tribe  
Jeri Locklear; Lumbee Tribe  
Elton R. Jacobs; Waccamaw Siouan Tribe

Term of Office for the above positions: 2017-2022 (5 years)

**COMMENTS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS:**

- Commissioner Elton R. Jacobs recused himself from voting.
- Commissioner Charles Richardson made a motion to approve all three appointment recommendations to the NC Indian Housing Authority. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jennifer Revels-Baxter. Motion carried.





### **Appointments by Tribes and Organizations**

NC Commission of Indian Affairs Members – Terms Expiring June 30<sup>th</sup>.

It was indicated that Mr. Ricky Burnett is replacing Mr. Daniel Jones; Lumbee Tribe. Ms. Jennifer Revels-Baxter is currently completing Ruth Revel's term of office for Guilford Native American Association. Chairwoman Revels passed away on March 14, 2016.

The following vacancies are up coming on the Commission effective June 30<sup>th</sup>:

Jennifer Baxter; Guilford Native American Association; 2017-2020  
Larece Hunt; Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina; 2017-2020  
Jesse Jacobs; Metrolina Native American Association, Inc; 2017-2020  
Sharn Jeffries; Occaneechi Band of the Saponi Nation; 2017-2020  
Dorothy Crowe; Sappony Indian; 2017-2020  
Elton Jacobs; Waccamaw Siouan; 2017-2020  
Marvel Welch; Eastern Band of the Cherokee Nation; 2017-2020  
Daniel Locklear; Lumbee, 2017-2020 (appointed by President of Senate)

### **COMMENTS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS:**

- No motion required. Appointments are made by the tribes and organizations, holding membership on the Commission. Letters will be sent to the tribes and organizations announcing these vacancies following the Commission meeting.

### **State Advisory Council on Indian Education (SACIE) 2017 Appointment Recommendations:**

Commissioner Dorothy Crowe presented this item. A handout was provided in the Board packet.

The following vacancies are upcoming:

Margo Howard; Meherrin Tribe; Parent  
Alisa Hunt-Lowery; Lumbee Tribe; Parent  
Kamiyo Lanning; Eastern Band of Cherokee Tribe; Parent  
Josephine Spaulding; Waccamaw Siouan Tribe; Educator  
Kara Stewart; Sappony Tribe; Educator  
Sharon Williams; Coharie Tribe; Parent

It was noted that there were four parents and two educators whose term will end June 30, 2017.

The following members who will continue their terms:

Chenoa Davis; Haliwa-Saponi Tribe; Educator  
Gwendolyn Jones; Guilford Native American Association; Parent  
Connie Locklear; Lumbee Tribe; Educator  
Tiffany Pearson; Lumbee Tribe; Educator

The following nominees are recommended to fill the vacant positions:

Will Paul; Sappony Tribe; Educator  
Joy Rector; Waccamaw Siouan Tribe; Educator  
Lesa Locklear; Coharie Tribe; Educator & Parent  
Connie Locklear Harland; Lumbee Tribe; Parent



Sabrina Arch; Eastern Band of Cherokee; Parent  
Chad Pierce; Lumbee; Parent

**COMMENTS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS:**

- Commission member asked if the members from the Lumbee tribe who were recommended by Triangle Native will have two seats or one seat.
- It was noted that each tribe does not get a seat on the SACIE Board, Per the General Statutes, the requirement is five educators and five parents to have a quorum.
- Commission members asked clarifying questions on the application process.
- Mr. Greg Richardson informed the Commission that the SACIE vacancies were discussed at the September 2, 2016 and December 2, 2016 meetings.
- Commissioner Crowe informed that they received only six applications before the deadline. She noted that the other tribes did not submit an application.
- Commissioner Crowe indicated that the Education Committee has reviewed the applications and the nominees meet the requirements for the SACIE positions. Their term begins July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017.
- It was indicated that the Education Committee did not have enough applications that were completed to review prior to the December 2, 2016, meeting. The Education Committee made a decision to move up the deadline. At the December meeting, it was recommended that the item will be brought back as an action item to the March 2017, Commission meeting.
- Commissioner Lana Dial made a motion to approve the 2017 State Advisory Council on Indian Education (SACIE) recommendations. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Charles Richardson and it passed unanimously.
- Commissioner Ricky Burnett informed that since the recommendation is made by the Committee it needs no second.
- Commissioner Crowe thanked the outgoing members who have served on the State Advisory Council on Indian Education whose term will be ending June 30, 2017. She expressed that the Committee appreciates their dedicated service on the SACIE Committee.
- The recommendations will be submitted to the State Board of Education at the April 2017 meeting.

**Administrative Appointments**

**United Tribes of North Carolina appointment recommendation:**

Greg Richardson; Haliwa-Saponi Tribe; CIA Executive Director

**COMMENTS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS:**

- Commissioner Sam Lambert made a motion to approve the appointment recommendations for Mr. Greg Richardson, Executive Director, be appointed to United Tribes of North Carolina, Board of Directors. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dorothy Crowe and it passed unanimously.
- Commission members thanked Mr. Richardson for his dedication in compiling and organizing the program booklet, agenda and bios for the speakers and getting it ready in time for the Conference. They took a moment to applaud him.
- Mr. Richardson indicated that United Tribes does not have the manpower at this time and was happy to volunteer his services. He noted that United Tribes will be looking into seeking additional funding to process the administrative work for the future events.





**Legal Aid of North Carolina appointment recommendation:**

Mr. Tony Clark; Robeson County; Lumbee Tribe

**COMMENTS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS:**

- Commissioner Lana Dial made a motion to approve the appointment recommendation for Mr. Tony Clark, Legal Aid of NC. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wanda Burns-Ramsey and it passed unanimously.
- Commission members requested a presentation from Mr. Clark at one of the Commission meeting.

The handout indicating the list of appointment recommendations with term dates is attached and is an official part of the minutes.

**INFORMATION ITEMS:**

*Executive Director's Report Continued*

**American Indian Scholarship Fund:**

- Application deadline is May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Total amount allocated for disbursements \$25,000. Each scholarship fund will be a \$1,000, so 25 students will benefit from this fund.
- Current amount available for grants as of December \$43,390 (-\$25,000). It was noted that Triangle Community Foundation is monitoring and processing the scholarships.
- Commission members requested clarification on number of scholarships that can be awarded
- Mr. Richardson informed that the Triangle Community Foundation must maintain a certain minimum balance in the account so that the fund can be sustained.
- Mr. Richardson encouraged members to donate towards the scholarship fund.
- Commissioner Crowe noted that the amount varies from year to year. She indicated that there is no set amount (fund balance solely depends on license plate sales).

**2017 Calendar of Events:** It was noted that the event calendar is posted on the Commission of Indian Affairs website. <https://ncadmin.nc.gov/>

Mr. Greg Richardson indicated that his report is included in the meeting packet and urged members to read it in its entirety following the meeting.

The handout of the Executive Director's Report is attached and is an official part of the minutes.

**INFORMATION ITEMS: PRESENTATIONS**

**Update on Pending Grant Applications:** Ms. Carly Kennedy, Grant Writer, NC Department of Administration (NC DOA) presented this item. A handout was distributed. She discussed the pending grant applications as follows:

- **NC Governor's Crime Commission (GCC) Grant:** The grant application was submitted in January to the GCC. The grant will continue to fund the Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (DV & SA) Program. It was noted that the DV & SA Program is funded by the GCC grant. The funding will expand to new American Indian communities and the military basis. Funding decision is expected in the fall of 2017.



- **American Cancer Society (ACS):** The ACS will be requesting applications in the Spring of 2017 to fund colorectal cancer screening projects in the American Indian communities. Letters of interest from entities who might be interested in developing a program in colorectal cancer screening. Ms. Kennedy informed that the Division of Indian Affairs was approached by the local American Cancer Society representative. They requested that the Commission submit a letter of interest to the ACS in February 2017.
- **Administration for Native Americans (ANA) – Grant Writing Training:** Ms. Kennedy attended a two day grant writing training on March 1-2, 2017. She noted that the Commission is not currently eligible to pursue the ANA funding. She indicated that she will pursue other avenues that would make the NC Commission of Indian Affairs eligible to write these grants.
- **Community Needs Survey:** Developing a survey to obtain community input to formulate a strategic approach to address community needs and capacity. In addition, to also develop a corresponding grant program.  
The following highlights of the steps were reviewed from the handout to accurately assess the needs of the American Community as follows:
  - Step one: Introduce the Community Needs Assessment to the Commission
  - Step two: Develop Survey Procedures
  - Step three: Develop a Survey and Cover Letter
  - Step four: Decide Who to Contact in the Community
  - It was indicated that the completed surveys be submitted to Mr. Richardson or Ms. Kennedy.
  - Ms. Kennedy concluded that based on the feedback she will develop the specific programs and projects and then seek funding opportunities for them.

The handout of Ms. Carly Kennedy's report along with the details on the Community Needs Assessment is attached and is an official part of the minutes.

#### **COMMENTS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS:**

- Commission members asked clarifying questions if the proposal addressed human trafficking.
- Ms. Kennedy noted the purpose of the grant was for domestic violence and sexual assault. She informed that the NC Council for Woman is currently funded for the human trafficking project and they are collaborating with Ms. Lori McClain, Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Program Director of Indian Affairs, to address the specific needs of the American Indian community.
- Commission members suggested partnering and applying with other urban entities.
- Ms. Kennedy responded that she will look into this suggestion but will also look into the statutory guidelines.
- Commission members noted that the tribal and urban feedback was also very important for all programs and projects, especially the education projects as to what is needed in their communities.
- Suggestions were made to share the information with the County Commissions.
- Mr. Richardson requested Commission members to complete the surveys and submit them within two weeks.

**Program Director reports:** Enclosed in the meeting packet.

Mr. Richardson introduced the Program Directors and they each gave a brief description of their programs.





### **Roundtable discussion of priorities for 2017:**

The following was discussed:

- Mr. Richardson informed the Commission that they could either discuss the priorities for 2017 or submit their comments in the survey.
- Chairman Lambert asked what was the Commission's decision
- Commission members requested to find an alternate funding for the Education Talent Search Program.
- Chairman Lambert asked a clarifying question as to when could the Commission submit another grant application for Education Talent Search Program. Mr. Richardson indicated that the Commission can apply again in five years. Mr. Richardson indicated that he and Ms. Kennedy are looking into other options for similar grant projects.
- Vice Chairwoman Shirley Freeman suggested that the Commission send their 2017 priorities via survey to Mr. Richardson due to the time constraints due to Indian Unity Conference which starts following the Commission meeting.

### **Other Items Discussed:**

- **National Congress of American Indians (NCAI):** It was noted that the annual meeting will be held in October 2017.
- **North Carolina Native American Youth Organization (NCNAYO):** It was suggested that Commission members need to support NCNAYO in the absence of the Education Talent Search Program. The NCNAYO annual event is tentatively scheduled at the UNC Pembroke, June 12-14, 2017. He expressed that at the recent NCNAYO meeting a recommendation was made to schedule the event at the Campbell University. Mr. Richardson informed the Commission that the youth need to act and vote on the location. He expressed that on behalf of the Commission he can help out but the youth need to take the action. The NCNAYO is also considering holding the 2017 conference at the University of NC at Pembroke.
- **Governor's Page Program:** Mr. Richardson informed that Governor Cooper's office contacted the Division of Indian Affairs notifying that they will send out a letter requesting American Indian youth to submit applications for the Governor's page programs (to work in the internship program this summer).
- **Job Shadowing:** Mr. John Lowery, Department of Commerce, announced that he would welcome students from Robeson County who are looking into job shadowing/ internship opportunities in public service. He indicated that he would encourage them to see and observe him/ job shadow so he could inspire them to be involved in public service.

**Scholarship Program Fund:** Mr. Richardson announced that the scholarship fund is \$500 each (for books and tuition). He encouraged Commission members to support this cause. Suggestions were made to contact local churches to support the scholarship fund. He noted that this year they will be awarding 14 students' scholarship fund during the 2017 Indian Unity Conference.

**Flower Fund Report:** No report was submitted. Ms. Isabell Freeman-Elliott was not in attendance. Chairman Lambert requested that Ms. Wanda Burns-Ramsey collect the flower funds in Ms. Elliott's absence. She reminded members that the quarterly amount is \$6 or \$24 annually.





**Boys and Girls Club:** Students from the Lumbee Tribes's Boys and Girls Club were introduced.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Chairman Lambert announced that only the action items be reported.

**Adhoc Indian Health Committee:** No report was noted.

**Guest Speaker:** Mr. Richardson introduced Dr. Ronnie Bell, Chairman, NC American Indian Health Board (NCAIHB). Dr. Bell presented the following:

- A brief background of how the NCAIHB was founded in 2009. It is the task force that was jointly convened in 2004 by the NC Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and the NC Commission of Indian Affairs and supported by the NC Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities. The task force brought together representatives from all American Indian tribes and select organizations from across North Carolina. It was then co-chaired by the NC DHHS and the NC Commission of Indian Affairs.
- He discussed the funding support for their organization was from Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina Foundation and the Kate B Reynolds Grant fund.
- He indicated that NCAIHB have created a health guide for American Indian Women and American Indian Men. These booklets were distributed at the meeting.
- He discussed the newly created video of Prostate Cancer survivor which includes the risk factors, symptoms, care and treatment, etc. It was noted that the National Cancer Institute estimates that one in six men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer at some point during their lifetime, and almost 30,000 men living in the United States will lose their lives to it each year. For American Indian men, prostate cancer is the most common type of cancer and the second leading cause of cancer death.
- Discussed Colorectal Cancer, its symptoms and care.
- NCAIHB has partnered with an organization at UNC Chapel Hill to increase awareness about Alzheimer's disease in American Indian communities. Creating workshops for care givers/ health care providers to educate them regarding this disease.
- Discussed updating the Community Tribal Health Assessment information regarding the health priorities for their communities. Dr. Bell requested Commission members to email their suggestions as to how best to obtain the health information/ needs of the American Indian communities.
- In conclusion, Dr. Bell referenced the website:<http://ncaihb.org/> and noted that contact can be made via social media (Facebook and Twitter).

The handouts/ booklets distributed will be on file at the Commission and is an official part of the minutes.

**Adhoc Land Trust Committee:** No report was noted. Mr. Lambert indicated that he contacted the Lumbee Tribal Chairman about the Land Trust Agreement. He expressed that he will have more information by the next Commission meeting in June 2017.

**Culture Resources Committee:** Commissioner Jeff Anstead presented this item.

The following was discussed:

- Renaming HW 74 being named the "Trail of Tears Highway" in Robeson County." Commission members expressed concerns and asked clarifying questions. Chairman Lambert noted that these concerns were addressed at the December 2, 2016, Commission meeting. Commissioner Sam Lambert apologized for the oversight on their part and noted that the Eastern Band of Cherokee should not have submitted the name change without consulting with the other tribes.





Commissioner Larece Hunt expressed concerns. He indicated that all members need to be together in correcting the change. He noted that renaming of Hwy 74 that runs through another tribes territory should be given due consideration and members need to be cautious. Vice Chairwoman Freeman noted that the decision should be studied since it affects several tribes. It was recommended that the decision to rename the highway be kept on hold and brought back to the Commission for further discussion.

*Chairman Lambert announced a short recess for lunch. Chairman Lambert requested Commissioner Ricky Burnett to bless the food for the Commission.*

*Lunch break, meeting reconvened at 1:05 p.m. (working lunch).*

**Employment & Training Committee:** No report was noted.

Mr. Elk Richardson, Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA) Program Manager, presented the following:

- He expressed that the paperwork submitted to Ms. Andrea Brown, US Department of Labor, need to be followed up since she passed away. Mr. Elk Richardson noted that members could contact him for the US Dept. of Labor contact information.
- Planning cycle is due to US Department of Labor regarding the planning and budget.
- He introduced his staff and gave a brief description of the WIOA program.

**Environmental Justice Committee:** Commissioner Anstead presented the following:

- Received a report from the NC Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) regarding an oil spill and waste water treatment.
- April 6<sup>th</sup> - The public comment for the draft of the environmental impact statement on the Atlantic Coast Pipeline will be closed. It was noted that members need to adhere to the timeline.
- Ms. Sarah Rice, Title VI and Environment Justice Coordinator (NC DEQ), presented the following:
  - (a) **Atlantic Coast Pipeline:** The Department is partnering with an Environmental organization as well as the Commission of Indian Affairs to create a dialogue prior to the April 6<sup>th</sup> deadline.
  - (b) **PCB Landfill in Warren County:** Ms. Sarah informed that PCB was being disposed on to the sides of the roads. She noted that PCB was hazardous to the human body. She indicated that plastic liners were placed when it was removed. Ms. Rice informed that the PCB landfill was on the DEQ agenda as an action item to remediate the soil that is in the landfill. It was noted that the agency was going to use the indirect thermal desorption. The soil was treated with heat over 800 degrees, the water and PCB was separated. The heat was treated for air quality. The water was tested and the PCB was put into a tank and tested. She noted that if they were not clean it was put through the process again to ensure everything was clean and environment safe. She also noted that the soil where the PCB was first placed and the area underneath the liner was tested to ensure it was clean. As they finished, they capped it with clay, wire and reseeded as per the Toxic Substance Control Act. Ms. Sarah informed the Commission that if they had questions they would need to consult with Warren County. Commission members asked questions on when and how it was contained. Ms. Sara noted that PCB was determined through soil samples. Sections of the road was dug up and repaved. Secretary Machel Sanders, Department of Administration, suggested that NC DEQ needs to provide a detailed report that includes (1) Initial Recording (Time of incident), (2) Initial area of contamination and (3) Area that was treated/ cleaned. She requested that the three reports need to be compared to the areas that the contamination impacted.





- (c) **Waste Water Treatment due to Hurricane Matthew:** There were 24 sewer drainage overflows during the storm in Robeson County. Those instances were considered as overflow. She noted questions on “what happens when the sewer overflows, what happens to the soil, is the soil safe, etc.” She suggested that these questions should be addressed to the Assistant Regional Supervisor in charge of the waste water treatment. Ms. Rice noted that she will provide his contact information and the data related to the sewer drainage overflow to the Commission.
- **Tribal Community Cleanup Project:** Commissioner Anstead requested members to report back to the Commission on the cleanup project that took place within their community.
  - **Announcement:** The West End Revitalization Association (WERA) and EPA Environment Quality will present the NC Community Solutions Workshops on March 24-25, 2017. The event will be held at the Mebane, NC, Arts and Community Center. Registration is free.

**COMMENTS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS:**

- Commission members asked clarifying questions on location of site, how long the PCB remained on site in Warren County.
- Questions were asked on the current use/ status of the land. Ms. Sarah referred them to the County.
- Questions were asked on the completion date of the cleanup. Ms. Sarah noted that it was signed in 2009, registered in 2010. The detoxification process started in 2001 through 2004.
- Commission members asked clarifying questions. Ms. Sarah noted that PCB becomes oily when it is exposed to water.
- Ms. Sarah indicated that she would submit a full report to Commissioner Jeffrey Anstead for members to review.

**Indian Education Committee:** Commissioner Crowe informed Commission members to share the emails regarding the scholarship opportunities and summer projects with the American Indian students.

**Indian Housing Committee:** No report was noted.

**Legislative (2017 Legislative Agenda):** No report was noted.

**Recognition Committee:** Commissioner Larece Hunt presented the item as follows:

- Senate Bill 179 - Recognize Chowanoke Tribe. Filed March 6, 2017, An Act to Restore Official Recognition to the Chowanoke Nation. A handout of the SB 179 was distributed. Commissioner Hunt gave a brief description. Commissioner Hunt informed that there is a process in place and that the Commission cannot stop the Bill. He noted that if there is a dispute it goes back to the Rules Committee for review.
- Mr. Mark Teague, Attorney, NC Department of Justice explained the rules, regulations and the legal process of recognizing unrecognized groups.
- He noted that the General Assembly did give the Commission the power to review and to pass the process of recognizing the unrecognized groups.
- In conclusion Commissioner Hunt requested additional paralegal staff for the recognition process. He requested additional funding in order to expedite the petition process. It was noted that a component bill will be put in place for an additional paralegal staff and noted that the Commission will have to contract a genealogist for the process.





- Mr. Greg Richardson noted that the funding would increase the Commission's ability to review and analyze petitions for state recognition.
- It was indicated that there are six petitions on the waiting list for the Recognition Committee to review.

#### **COMMENTS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS:**

- Commission members asked clarifying questions regarding the history. It was noted that the file date was 3/6/2017; the Senate passed the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading on 3/7/2017 and it was referred to the Rules and Operations Committee of the Senate on 3/7/2017.
- Commission members asked questions regarding the population of the group. It was noted that the Chowanoke Tribe is asking for two seats on the Commission. The Commission has very little knowledge of the group for the most part it was part of the Meherrin tribe.
- Commissioner members asked clarifying questions on the language of the petition. Commissioner Hunt reiterated the process.
- Mr. Mark Teague clarified that the Commission may adopt rules to recognize unrecognized groups. He added that the Commission has adopted the rules. He stated that the Rules Review Commission sets the Rules.
- Mr. Greg Richardson noted that all unrecognized groups go through the Recognition Committee.
- Commissioner Jeffrey Anstead made a motion that the Commission take no action on the SB 179 Recognize Chowanoke Tribe. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Charles Richardson and it passed unanimously.

The handout of the SB 179 is attached and is an official part of the minutes.

#### **Veterans Committee:** Commissioner Sam Lambert discussed the following:

- Report on Haliwa-Saponi Veterans Outreach meeting: He requested Commissioner Charles Richardson and Commissioner Jeffrey Anstead to comment on the tribal meeting they had for Veterans in their community. It was noted that the meeting was successful. They addressed a lot of issues related to Veterans such as health and access to benefits and other assistance pertaining to medical records, etc. It was recommended that other tribes need to conduct such meetings in their communities.
- Designation of Veterans Service Officers for each Tribal Community: The progress report was discussed in brief.
- Veterans Recognition Program: It was noted that the recognition for Veterans "The Award Ceremony", the certificates will be presented to Veterans during the Unity Conference.

**Tribal Announcements from Commission Members:** Commission members made note of the upcoming events. The handout of the Commission 2017 Event Calendar was distributed in the Board packet.

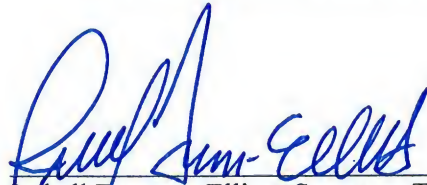
**Memorial Resolution for Chairwoman Ruth Locklear Revels:** Mr. Greg Richardson announced that the Commission will present a copy of the Memorial Resolution in honor of the late Chairwoman Ruth Revels to the United Tribes of North Carolina at the Unity Conference.

**FUTURE MEETING DATES & EVENTS:** 2017 Meetings were listed on the agenda.



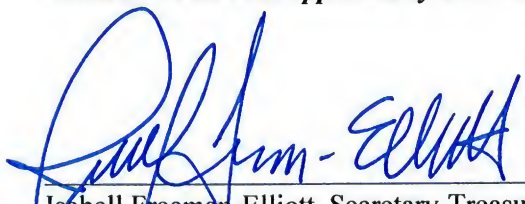
**ADJOURNMENT:**

- With there being no further items to discuss, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Charles Richardson. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Larece Hunt. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 2:06 p.m. The next Commission meeting is scheduled for June 2, 2017, at the University of North Carolina (UNC) -Pembroke, Robeson County, NC.

  
Isabell Freeman-Elliott, Secretary-Treasurer  
NC Commission of Indian Affairs  
(Sign & Date)

 6-2-17  
Daphne Pinto, Recording Secretary  
(Sign & Date)

*These minutes were approved by the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs on June 2, 2017.*

  
Isabell Freeman-Elliott, Secretary-Treasurer  
NC Commission of Indian Affairs  
(Sign & Date)





**N.C. COMMISSION OF INDIAN AFFAIRS**  
**QUARTERLY COMMISSION MEETING**  
**Renaissance Charlotte Suites Hotel**  
2800 Coliseum Centre Drive  
Charlotte, North Carolina 28217  
March 9, 2017

**MEETING IS DEDICATED IN MEMORY OF OUR BELOVED CHAIRWOMAN  
RUTH REVELS**

**DRAFT AGENDA**

<b>Opening Session</b>	<b>10:00am – 10:20am</b>
Welcome, call to order & adopt the Agenda	Furnie Lambert, Chairman
Invocation	Shirley Freeman, Vice-Chairman
Pledge of Allegiance	Connie Mitchell, Commission Member
Roll Call	Daphne Pinto, Administrative Assistant
Ethics Statement	Greg Richardson, Executive Director
Approval of December 2, 2016, Meeting Minutes	Furnie Lambert
<b>Special Presentation</b>	<b>10:20am – 10:30am</b>
Introduction of Speakers	Greg Richardson
Machelle Sanders, Secretary, NC Department of Administration, Raleigh, North Carolina	
Chief Bill Harris, Catawba Indian Nation, Rock Hill, South Carolina	
<b>Executive Director Report</b>	<b>10:30am – 11:00am</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Division Update</li><li>• Commission Appointments – (See Spreadsheet)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-NC Indian Housing Authority</li><li>-State Advisory Council on Indian Education</li><li>-United Tribe Tribes of North Carolina</li><li>- Legal Services of North Carolina</li></ul></li><li>• Update on Pending Grant Applications</li><li>• Program Director Reports (copies in the Board packet)</li></ul>	<p>Greg Richardson, Executive Director</p> <p>Carly Kennedy, Grant Writer, NCDOA</p>

<b>Roundtable discussion of priorities for 2017</b>	<b>11:00am-11:40am</b>
<b>Flower Fund Report</b>	<b>11:40am - 11:45am</b>
Flower Fund Report	Isabell Freeman-Elliott, Secretary/Treasurer
<b>Luncheon</b>	<b>Noon – 12:30pm</b>
<b>Committee Reports – Action Items Only Please</b>	<b>12:30pm – 1:00pm</b>
Adhoc Indian Health Guest Presenter Dr. Ronnie Bell, Chairman, NC Indian Health Board	Charles Richardson, Chair
Adhoc Land Trust	Furnie Lambert, Chair
Cultural Resources	Jeffrey Anstead, Chair
Employment & Training	W.D. Baucom, Chair
Environmental Justice • Tribal Community Clean-Up Project for 2017	Jeffrey Anstead, Chair
Indian Child Welfare Indian Child Welfare Gathering, Western Carolina University, March 21st	Marvel Welch, Chair
Indian Education	Dorothy Crowe, Chair
Indian Housing	Elton Ray Jacobs, Chair Isabell Freeman-Elliott, Vice-Chair
Legislative (2017 Legislative Agenda)	Roy Maynor, Chair
Recognition • Senate Bill -179 <b>RECOGNIZE CHOWANOKE TRIBE.</b> Filed Mar 6 2017, <i>AN ACT TO RESTORE OFFICIAL RECOGNITION TO THE CHOWANOKE NATION- Handout</i> • Update on findings & conclusions for Tuscarora Nation of North Carolina, Petition for State Recognition	Larece Hunt, Chair
Veterans • Report on Haliwa-Saponi Veterans Outreach Meeting • Discussion -Designation of Veterans Service Officers for each Tribal Community-Progress Report • Veterans Recognition Program -Progress Report	Sam Lambert, Chair
<b>Announcements from Commission Members</b>	<b>(2 Minutes Only)</b>
<b>Future Meeting Dates &amp; Events</b>	<b>Location</b>



Selection of meeting dates and locations for 2017 June 2, 2017 – Commission Meeting, TBD September, 2017 December, 2017	Furnie Lambert, Chair
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<b>Adjournment</b>	1:30pm Indian Unity Conference Convenes following the Commission Meeting
March 9-11, 2017 – 42nd Annual NC Indian Unity Conference March 9, 2017 – Commission Meeting in conjunction with NC Indian Unity Conference	Renaissance Charlotte Suites Hotel, Charlotte, NC